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Silent Devotion,

Before the Commencement of the Service.

How reverent is this place ! It is none other than a house of God. The place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

This house is not for man, but for the Lord God. My house, saith the Lord, shall be a house of prayer for all nations.

In the multitude of Thy mercy I come to Thy house, and in an humble spirit worship at Thy holy temple.

As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God ; my heart thirsteth for the living God.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted within me ? Hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise Him for His help and the favor of His countenance.

Behold now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord.

Thus saith the Lord : The heavens are my throne and the earth is my footstool ; I have made them and all that is therein ; yet will I look upon that man that is lowly and contrite in spirit, and who reverences my word.

Offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving and of righteousness, and put thy trust in the Lord.

When in some solemn, silent hour,
I stand before my Maker's face,
And, urged by deep devotion's power,
In prayer I seek the throne of grace :
What peace, what heavenly joy I know,
What raptures from Thy presence flow.

How trifling seems each transient pleasure
Of earth with all its pomp and glow,
Which men still covet as a treasure,
Stooping to their idols low :
What bliss so pure, what joy so fair
As to be one with God in prayer.

Who shall ascend unto the hill of the Lord?
and who shall stand in His holy place? He that
is clean of hands and pure of heart—who has not
given his soul to vanity, nor his lips to lies and
deceit.

Let us search out and try our hearts, and turn
again unto the Lord.

Anthems.

I.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
Let the whole earth stand in awe of Him.

II.

The eyes of all wait upon Thee, and Thou
givest them food in due season. Thou visitest the
earth and blessest it; Thou crownest the year with
Thy goodness. Oh, give thanks unto the Lord,
for He is gracious, for His mercy endureth forever.

III.

God, my strength, Thou art my salvation; oh,
my God, forsake me not. Withdraw not Thou
Thine arm from me, my God, my strength.

IV.

Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that
obeyeth the voice of His servants? Though he
walk in darkness and have no light, let him trust in
the name of the Lord and stay upon his God.

V.

O, God of Hosts, the mighty Lord,
How lovely is the place
Where Thou, enthroned in glory showest
The brightness of Thy face!
My longing soul faints with desire
To view Thy blest abode;
My panting heart and flesh cry out
For Thee, the living God.

VI.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord and He shall sustain thee ; He never will suffer the righteous to fall ; He is at thy right hand.

Thy mercy, Lord, is great and far above the heavens ; let none be made ashamed that wait upon Thee

VII.

Incline Thine ear to me, O Lord ; make haste to deliver me ; oh, save me for Thy mercy's sake.

VIII.

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him,
And He shall give thee thy heart's desire ;
Commit thy way to Him, and trust in Him ;
And fret not thyself because of evil-doers.

IX.

Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer ; give ear and ponder the voice of my humble desire. In the time of my trouble I will call upon Thee, for Thou hearest me, O Lord.

X.

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after Thee, O God. Why art Thou so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why art Thou so disquieted in me ? O put thy trust in God.

XI.

He watching over Israel slumbers not nor sleeps. Shouldst thou walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee.

XII.

The Lord is my shepherd ; I shall not want,
 He maketh me to rest in green pastures ;
 He leadeth me beside still waters,
 He giveth peace unto my soul ;
 He leadeth me in paths of goodness
 For His Name's sake.
 Yea, tho' I walk thro' Death's dark vale of shadows,
 no evil will I fear ;
 For 'Thou art still with me,
 Thy rod and staff, they comfort me.
 Thou preparest here a table for me, in presence of
 mine enemies ;
 My head with oil Thou anointest ;
 My cup runneth over. Yea, surely peace and
 mercy all my life shall follow me,
 And I will dwell with God for evermore.

XIII.

I lift mine eyes to the mountains, from whence
 cometh help. My help cometh from the Lord,
 the maker of heaven and earth. He hath said :
 thy foot shall not be moved. Thy keeper will never
 slumber.

XIV.

I will sing of mercy and judgment ;
 Unto Thee, O Lord, will I sing,
 For Thou art merciful, Lord ; Thou art gracious ;
 O be Thou merciful to us, O Lord.

XV.

I will sing of power, O God, and will praise Thy
 mercy betimes in the morning. For Thou hast
 been my defence and refuge in the day of my
 trouble. My strength will I ascribe unto Thee, for

Thou art the God of refuge. Unto Thee, O my strength, will I sing, for Thou, O God, art merciful God.

XVI

Blessed are the men who fear Him ; they ever walk in the ways of peace. Through darkness riseth light to the upright. He is gracious, compassionate. He is righteous.

XVII

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

XVIII

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness. We have thought of Thy loving kindness, O God, in the midst of Thy temple. According to Thy name, so is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth. For this God is our God for ever and ever; He will be our guide even unto death.

XIX

Praise ye the Lord in His holiness, praise ye Him in the firmament of His power.

XX

Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye servants of His, and give thanks unto Him for a remembrance of His holiness! For His wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, but His favor is for life. Heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. Therefore shall every good man sing of Thy praise without ceasing. O my God, I will give thanks unto Thee forever.

XXI

But the Lord is mindful of His own. He remembers His children. Bow down before Him, ye mighty, for the Lord is near us!

XXII

If with all your hearts ye truly seek Me, ye shall ever surely find Me, saith our God. Oh! that I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence!

XXIII

I will magnify Thee, O God, my King; and I will praise Thy name, O God. The Lord is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all his words. Every day will I give thanks unto Thee, and praise Thy name for evermore.

XXIV

I will extol Thee, my God, O King, and I will praise Thy name for evermore. Thy mercy, O Lord, is great above the heavens, and Thy truth reacheth unto the clouds. Thou openest Thine hand and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. I will extol Thee, my God, O King, and I will bless Thy name for ever more.

XXV

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and hide not Thyself from my petition. Take heed unto me and hear me. Hear my prayer, O Lord.

XXVI

Hope in the Lord. Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in Him.

XXVII

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, from everlasting, and let all people say, Amen.

XXVIII

The King of Love my sheperd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever. Where streams of living waters flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me; and on His shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with Thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, a light before to guide me. And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise for ever and for ever.

XXIX

It is God that made us all, not we ourselves, we are His people and the flock of His own pasture.

XXX

And the Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed in times of trouble. And they that know Thy Name, put their trust in Thee, for Thou hast not forsaken, O Lord! them that seek thee.

XXXI

Unto Thee I have cried, O Lord, and early shall my prayer come before Thee. Consider and hear me, O Lord. Turn Thee, O Lord. O save me, for Thy mercy's sake.

XXXII

Lord, Thy truth and loving kindness I wilt trust in evermore; let me praise Thy great salvation, and Thy wondrous grace adore.

XXXIII.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live,
 I will praise my God while I have my being.
 And so shall my words please Him,
 My joy shall be in the Lord.
 Praise thou the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah !

XXXIV.

The Lord is great, when in the tempest peal
 His voice resounds with mighty force.
 And in their tracks the orbs of heaven reel,
 And earth is quivering in her course.
 The Lord is kind when in the morning's beam
 His radiant love on earth is shed
 And fragrant vernal blossoms blandly gleam
 By quick'ning sparkling dewdrops fed.
 The Lord is great ! His might the heavens
 declare
 He reigns supreme below, above :
 The Lord is kind. He listens to my prayer
 And guides His child in gracious love.

XXXV.

Pour out thy heart before the Lord
 And lift thy hands unto Him ;
 For He will not despise the afflicted
 And them that are of a broken heart.
 But though He cause grief, yet will He have
 compassion
 According to the multitude of His mercies.
 Trust in the Lord and He will strengthen thee.

XXXVI.

The Lord is good unto those who trust in Him
and to the soul that seeketh Him.

Though He cause grief yet will He have com-
passion according to the multitude of His
tender mercies.

For He doth not willingly afflict the children of men.

Thou wilt show me the path of life ;

In Thy presence is fullness of joy ;

At Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

The Lord is good unto those who trust in Him.

XXXVII.

God be merciful unto us and bless us ;

And show us the light of His countenance, and
be merciful unto us.

That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy
saving health upon all nations.

Let the people praise Thee, O God !

Yea, let all the people praise Thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for Thou
shalt judge the folk righteously,

And govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise Thee, O God,

Yea, let all the people praise Thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase ;

God, ev'n our own God, shall give us His blessing;

God shall bless us and all the ends of the world
shall fear Him.

XXXVIII.

It is of the Lord's great mercies that we are not
consumed,

Because His compassions fail not and His loving
kindness is great towards us.

I called upon the Lord and He saved me out of
all my troubles.
I cried unto Him, and He delivered me ^{from} all
my fears,
The sorrows of death compassed me, I was
brought low and He helped me ;
He lifted me up from the gates of death and re-
deemeth my life from destruction,
O how good is the Lord unto the soul that seek-
eth Him !
Unto Thee do we give thanks, O God.

XXXIX.

Our harps are tuned to sing Thy praise, for Thou
art great, O Lord,
Our voices all in joy uprais'd to Thee with one
accord,
When as we sang, the din of war
Broke on the tranquil morn,
And captive we from native land, and all we lov'd
were torn !
By the waters of Babylon sat we down, weary and
sad at heart ;
Our thoughts to Zion still would flow, and tears
unbidden start.
Jerusalem, Jerusalem ! We cried aloud in grief !
And pray'd to Thee, O Lord, that Thou mightst
send our souls relief.
Silent our harps that late were strung, whose cords
in woe we sever.
Yet still in Thee we place our trust, whose mercy
liveth ever.
Jerusalem ! in hope we cry to thee
We know within our heart of hearts,
The Lord will set us free !

XL.

Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a
crown of life.

Be not afraid, My help is nigh.

XLI.

God, Thou art great !

The Heavens are declaring—the sun in his bright-
ness,

The stars in their wandering—Thou art the
Mighty One !

The earth sounds Thy praises

In deep roaring billows, in bright beaming mea-
dows,

In all living creatures. Thou art the Mighty One.

Worlds in boundless orbits rolling,

Great is He who formed you first ;

All ye hosts of heavenly bodies,

Shout your Maker, sound His glory,

Great is He who formed you first.

XLII.

Thou earth; waft sweet incense o'er thy plains;

Be an altar, pouring thanks,

Sound His praise, ye rocky mountains ;

Breathe His glory, whispering breezes ;

He will be, and is, and was !

God, Thou art great !

The seraph hail Thee; the worm and dust !

Thou art Maker, Thou art the loving one !

God, Thou art great !

Thy love is given to men

Who strive to obey their Maker,

And seek their Father.

XLIII.

Children, pray this love to cherish,
 Ye whom God has made His like !
 Ye gentle spirits, the world is all your own ;
 The beams of morning, the rays of evening,
 the day, the night,
 They both to you bring peace and bliss,
 Mortals, rejoice ! Earth, be thou now a land
 with love o'flowing,
 So Heaven remains ever with thee.

XLIV.

‘Softly solemn measure
 Soar aloft to deepest azure
 God adoring and imploring,
 Rise to heav’nly spheres my prayer.
 “To Thee praying, I am kneeling,
 Lord Eternal, now appealing,
 Us to shelter from all danger
 Send, O send, Thy hosts of angels.”

XLV.

“Hear my prayer, O Lord,
 And let my crying come unto Thee.
 Hide not Thy face from me
 In the time of my trouble.
 Incline Thy ear unto me when I call.
 O hear me and that right soon.

XLVI.

God of mercy, God of love,
Deign to hear 'Thy servants' humble prayer.
Hear and bless us with Thy grace
As Thou hast promised to all those who call upon
Thy name.
O Lord, hear our supplications.
Tremblingly we call to Thee
Knowing our unworthiness,
Hear us, O our Father, O hear our prayer and
grant us peace.
Hear us, O Almighty God, and regard us now in
mercy.
Father, make us strong to do Thy will,
Father, give us grace to cast away and forsake our
sins forever. Be with us evermore;
Give us grace to love Thee more and more from
day to day.

XLVII.

"Sweet is Thy mercy, O Lord, before Thy mercy
seat,
My soul adoring pleads Thy word and owns Thy
mercy sweet,
Where'er Thy name is blest, where'er Thy people
meet,
There I delight in Thee to rest, and find Thy
mercy sweet.

XLVIII.

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon us,
Lord, be Thou my helper,
Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy.
Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; be my
helper.

XLIX.

Ye sons of Israel, thank ye the Lord.
Sing praises to His glorious name;
Praise ye the Lord who liveth forever ;
Sing praises to Him now and for evermore.

L.

Who walketh uprightly and worketh righteousness,
his reward shall be great.
He that doeth no evil to his brethren, and hath a
pure heart, he shall receive the blessing from
the Lord,
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

LI.

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun
in their Heavenly Father's realm.
Joy on their head shall be for everlasting, and all
sorrow and mourning shall flee away forever.

LII.

Let there be light !
Such was the first supreme command.
Ere God divided sea and land,
Funereal night encompassed all.
The heavenly word,
Reverberating through all space was heard:
Let there be light !

It is our holy mission still
To guard the light as heaven's will,
 To keep it bright
A radiant light which all may clearly see,
The path that leads to immortality.
Here in this house shall we proclaim
 Eternal light !
A beacon flame of glorious sight
Still here and now, and in the days of yore,
In sacred splendor shining evermore,
 Let there be light !

LIII.

Love divine, all love excelling
 Joy of heaven to earth come down !
 Oh ! first in us Thy humble dwelling,
 All Thy faithful mercies crown.
 Father ! Thou art all compassion;
 Pure, unbounded love thou art,
 Visit us with Thy salvation;
 Enter ev'ry trembling heart.
 Breathe, oh breathe Thy loving spirit
 Into ev'ry troubled breast.
 Let us all in Thee inherit
 Let us find that sacred rest.
 Come, Almighty, to deliver,
 Let all Thy life receive
 Suddenly return and never,
 Nevermore Thy temple leave
 Thee we would be always blessing,
 Serve thee as Thy hosts above
 Pray and praise thee without ceasing.
 Glory in Thy perfect love.
 Finish then Thy new creation ;
 Pure and spotless let us be,
 Oh let us see Thy great salvation
 Perfectly restored in Thee,
 Changed from glory into glory,
 Till in Heaven we find our place;
 Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
 Lost in wonder, love and praise.

LIV.

My song shall be of Thy loving kindness,
 Singing Thy praise, Thou only God;
 My tongue shall declare the blessings hourly be-
 stowed by Thee.
 I wander in the night and heavy darkness,
 And mine enemies stand threat'ning around,

Yet call'd I upon the name of the Lord,
And He redeemed me with watchful goodness.

LV.

Power Eternal! Judge and Father,
Who shall blameless stand before 'I hee?
Or 'Thy dreadful anger fly?
Hear and aid us strength to gather
'To obey Thee, still adore 'I hee.
And in hope and faith to die.

LVI.

Forsake me not, my God, the way is drear,
I cannot see my path make Thou it clear;
O let me hear the "voice behind me" say:
"Fear not, I guide thy steps. This is the way."
Forsake me not!

Thy tender love rejoiced my childhood's time,
Thy guardian care watched o'er my youthful
prime,
Now through the "heat and burden of the day,"
Strength of my life, be still my staff and stay.
Forsake me not!

And when my feet must enter Death's dim vale,
When midst its shades my "heart and flesh"
should fail,
Light Thou my path bid Thou the shadows flee,
Glad through its gates I'll pass if led by Thee.
Forsake me not!

LVII.

Behold! there shall be a day, when the watchman
upon the mountain top shall cry aloud "Arise, ye!
get ye up unto Mount Zion, unto the Lord your
God!" For thus saith the Lord:

Fear not ye, O Israel, neither be thou still dismayed. Refrain thine voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears; for I, the Lord, am with thee, and will save thee. I have loved thee with everlasting love, and have redeemed thee.

Why criest thou in thine affliction?

Why mournest thou in nightly watches?

I have redeemed thee.

Therefore thus saith the Lord:

Sing ye aloud with gladness! Thy mourning is turned into joy! I, even I, have redeemed thee. Be glad and rejoice! Thy sorrows now are ended, and great shall be thy peace.

Rejoice! be glad and rejoice.

Then fear not, O Israel, neither be thou still dismayed, I have redeemed thee!

LVIII.

O come, let us worship, and kneel before the Lord our maker; for He is the Lord our God.

LIX.

Lord, we praise Thy holy name
For Thy glory ever enduring
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, and we adore Thee.
Lord be gracious unto us,
As Thy mercy endureth, so Thy love assured.

LX.

O Lord, have mercy upon me, for I am in trouble,
my strength faileth me,

But my hope hath been in Thee, O Lord; I
have said, Thou art my God.

LXI.

Oh ! Thou whose pow'r tremendous
Upholds the starry sky,
Thy grace preserving send us
To Thee, O Lord, we cry.
From wilds of fearful error,
Wherein we darkly stray,
Oppress'd with doubt and terror,
For saving aid we pray,
Oh, God of mercy, hear us,
Our pains, our sorrow see,
Thy healing pity spare us,
And bring us home to Thee.

LXII.

Out of Egypt, as a shepherd guards his flock and
shows the way,
Thou hast led Thy chosen people, fire by night and
cloud by day,
Shepherd ! Thou hast led us onward; strong Thine
arm and keen Thine eye ;
At Thy word the sea obedient parts and leaves a
pathway dry,
Thro' the sea's heart pass we dry-shod, trusting in
Thy voice which calls.

LXIII.

Send out Thy light for all is dark around me.
I cannot see Thy hand, nor hear Thy voice
I weary in this darkness ! Bid Thy poor trem-
bling child with hope rejoice.
Send out Thy light and lead me.
Father, lead me beyond this darkness,
This sorrow and unrest,
And guide me, worn and weary,
To the calm shelter of my Father's breast.

Selections.

For Responsive Reading.

I. LONGING FOR GOD.

O God, Thou art my God, early will I seek Thee,
my soul thirsteth for Thee, as one longeth for water
in a dry and thirsty land.

To see Thy power and Thy glory and feel
Thy loving-kindness, which is better than life.

I would bless Thee while I live, and lift up my
hands in Thy holy name.

My soul shall be satisfied with good, and
my mouth shall praise Thee with joyful lips.

I remember Thee on my bed, and meditate on
Thee in the night-watches.

Because Thou hast been my help, therefore
in the shadow of Thy wings will I seek refuge.

My soul followeth hard after Thee; Thy right
hand upholdeth me.

Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest and
causest to approach unto Thee, that he may
dwell in thy courts.

Let all those that seek Thee rejoice and be glad
in Thee, and let such as love Thy salvation say
continually—God be magnified.

My soul longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of
the Lord; my heart and my flesh crieth out for
the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found a house and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young.

I have found Thine altars, even the tabernacle of the God of hosts.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee, in whose heart are Thy ways, O God.

For the Lord God is a shield; He giveth grace and glory, withholdeth no good from them that walk uprightly.

My soul waiteth for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in His word do I hope.

CHCIR.

Behold! God is my salvation, I will trust, and not fear. He is my strength and my song. Sing unto the Lord, for He hath done excellent things. This is known in all the earth.

AMEN.

II. THE POWER OF GOD.

O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of His praise to be heard.

Who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

By His strength He setteth fast the mountains; He is girded with power.

He ruleth by His power for ever ; His eyes behold the nations ; let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

Thou rulest the raging of the sea; when the waves thereof rise Thou stillest them.

The heavens are Thine, the earth also is Thine ; the earth and the fulness thereof, Thou hast founded it.

Justice and judgment are the pillars of Thy throne; mercy and truth are ever before Thee.

Blessed is the people that know Thee, and walk by the light of Thy face.

For thou art the glory of their strength, and in Thy favor shall their power be exalted.

He that planted the ear, shall he not hear ;
He that formed the eye, shall He not see ; He
that teacheth man knowledge, shall he not
know ?

It is well with the man whom Thou chastenest
and teachest him out of Thy law.

In the multitude of my thoughts within me,
Thy comforts delight my soul.

Of old hast Thou laid the foundations of the
earth; and the heavens are the work of Thy hand.

They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure;
yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment, as
a vesture shall they be changed.

But Thou art ever the same, and Thy years shall
have no end.

CHOIR.

O, my soul, with all thy powers
Bless the Lord's most holy name;
O, my soul, till life's last hours
Bless the Lord, His praise proclaim.

HALLELUJAH.

III.—TRUST.

Truly, my soul waiteth upon God ; from Him cometh my salvation.

In God is my salvation and my glory ; He is the rock of my strength and my refuge.

Trust in Him at all times ; pour out your hearts before Him.

Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in unrighteousness ; if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

Power belongeth to God ; He rendereth to every man according to his work.

I am continually with Thee, O God ;
Thou hast holden me by my right hand.

Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

Whom have I in heaven but Thee ? and there is none upon earth that I desire besides Thee.

When my flesh and my heart faileth, God becomes my strength and my portion for ever.

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy ; he that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him.

Trust not in princes, in the sons of men, in whom there is no help.

His breath goes from him, he returns to his native earth ; on that day his designs perish.

Blessed is he who trusts in the Lord ; for the Lord will show him His salvation.

The Lord is good to all, and His mercies are over all His creatures.

Thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress ; have mercy upon me and hear my prayer.

There are many that say : Who will show us any good ? Lord, lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart more than in the time that corn and wine increased.

I will lay me down and rise again in peace ; for Thou, Lord, makest me dwell in safety.

CHOIR :

Our soul waiteth for the Lord. He is our help and our shield ; our heart shall rejoice in Him because we have trusted in Him.

AMEN.

IV.—THE OMNISCIENT.

O, God, Thou hast searched me and known me.
Thou knowest my sitting down and my rising up.

Thou understandeth my thoughts afar off.
Thou seest my path and my lying down, and
art acquainted with all my thoughts.

Verily, there is not a word on my tongue, but
Thou, O God, knowest it altogether.

Thou besettest me behind and before, and
layest Thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, it is too
high for me to attain.

Whither shall I flee from Thy spirit, or
whither shall I go from Thy presence?

If I ascend into heaven, Thou art there; if I
dwell in the under world, behold, Thou art there; if
I take the wings of the morning and abide in the
uttermost sea—

Even there shall Thy hand hold me, and Thy
right hand seize me.

If I say deepest darkness shall cover me, behold,
night becomes light around me.

For darkness darkeneth nothing from Thee;
night shines like day, darkness and light are
the same before Thee.

For Thou it is that has fashioned my mind, and woven it into my body.

I thank Thee that Thou hast so wonderfully made me, and that my soul has the knowledge thereof.

Oh, how precious are Thy thoughts unto me, how strength-inspiring is their sum.

Search me, then, O God, and try my heart, prove me and examine my secret thinking.

And see if there be any way of evil in me, and lead Thou me into the path of eternity.

CHOIR.

Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name,
Worship Him in the beauty of holiness.
The Lord will give strength to His people.
The Lord will bless His people with peace.

AMEN.

V.—GOD REVEALED.

The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork.

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night to night showeth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language where their voice cannot be heard.

Their song goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.

From His tabernacle the sun goes forth as a bridegroom; he rejoices, like a strong man, to run his course.

O Lord, our God, how excellent is Thy name over all the earth, who hast set Thy glory also in the heavens.

When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy hands, the moon and the stars which Thou hast made :

What is man that Thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou visitest him ?

Yet hast Thou made him in Thine own image, and hast crowned him with honor and glory.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands, Thou hast put all things under his feet.

Oh, Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all; the earth is full of Thy possessions.

Thou sendest forth Thy spirit; they are created and Thou renewest the face of the earth.

Who hath directed the spirit of the Lord, or, being His counsel'or, hath taught Him?

He who measured the waters as in the hollow of His hand and meted out heaven as with a span !

Who comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?

To whom then will ye liken God, or what image compare unto Him?

The Creator of the ends of the earth fainteth not, neither is He weary; there is no end to his understanding.

CHOIR.

Praise and worship to Him alone, and His name shall be exalted over all. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness and the power, for Thine is all that is in heaven and on earth. Thine is the dominion and Thou art exalted above all praise of Thy creatures. Amen.

VI.—CONDUCT.

Blessed are the undefiled in heart who walk in the law of the Lord.

Happy are they that keep His testimonies that seek Him with their whole heart.

O, that my ways were so directed that I may always keep Thy statutes.

More than in riches have I rejoiced in the way of Thy testimonies.

In them will I meditate; I will delight my soul in them, and never forget them.

Open Thou mine eyes that I may behold the deep things of Thy law.

By Thy words the proud are rebuked; O remove their reproach and their shame from me.

Keep me from the way of deceit, that I may ever choose the way of truth.

Incline my heart unto Thy testimonies, and help me to keep it from covetousness.

To turn away mine eyes from vanity, that I may walk in the liberty of Thy precepts.

I will speak of Thy testimonies before kings, and will not be ashamed.

This is my comfort in my affliction, that Thy word has quickened me.

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me, O
give me a right understanding of Thy will.

They had almost consumed me upon earth
yet forsook I not Thy precepts.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light
unto my path.

Great peace have they that love Thy law,
and there shall be no stumbling to them.

CHOIR.

O render thanks to God above,
The fountain of eternal love,
Whose mercy firm, through ages past,
Hath stood, and shall for ever last.

AMEN.

VII.—HOPE.

Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul; in Thee I trust ; O let me not be ashamed.

Yea, let none be ashamed that wait on Thee;
show me Thy ways ; teach me Thy paths.

Lead me in Thy truth, for Thou art the God of my salvation ; on Thee do I wait all day.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions, but pardon them for Thy mercy's sake.

Good and righteous is the Lord, therefore will He teach sinners the right way.

What man is he that feareth the Lord?
him shall He teach in the way that He shall choose.

His soul shall dwell in safety and his seed shall inherit the earth.

The counsel of the Lord is with them that fear Him, and He will show them His salvation.

Mine eyes are toward the Lord ; turn Thee unto me when I am desolate and afflicted.

When the troubles of my heart are enlarged,
O bring Thou me out of my distress

Look upon my affliction and my pain, and forgive all my sins.

I will wash my hands in innocency; so will I compass Thine altars, O Lord.

That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving and tell of all Thy wondrous works.

The Lord is my light and my salvation ;
whom shall I fear ? The Lord is the strength
of my life, of whom shall I be afraid ?

I had fainted unless I had believed, to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, and
He shall strengthen thine heart ; wait, I say,
unto the Lord.

Into Thy hand I commit my spirit ; Thou wilt
redeem me in Thy faithfulness.

CHOIR.

High in Thy glory, Father Almighty,
Hear our petition while humbly we call ;
Great is Thy mercy, tender Thy pity,
Wond'rous the love that enfoldeth us all !

AMEN.

VIII.—THANKSGIVING.

Blessed be He who hath created day and night,
And hath suffered us to see this morning.

Blessed be He who hath given us freedom.
That we may serve Him with a willing heart.

Blessed be He whose will ruleth over all,
And ordaineth our lot as is meet in His
wisdom.

Blessed be He who hath opened our eyes to the
light of truth,

And redeemed us from fear through the
knowledge of His love.

Blessed be He who raiseth those that are bowed
down ;

And is nigh to those who are of a humble
spirit.

Blessed be He who hath stretched out the dry
land,

And gathered the waters in the depths of
the sea.

Blessed be He who ordaineth the steps of man,

And giveth strength to the weary and vigor
to the feeble.

Blessed be He who hath endowed Israel with power to endure trials, and to remain faithful to His covenant as it is this day.

From the rising of the sun even unto the going down thereof the Lord's name shall be praised.

We will praise Him in the morning, and in the nighttime His song shall still be with us.

CHOIR.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel who alone doth wondrous things; the whole earth is full of his glory.

HALLELUJAH.

IX —ISRAEL.

Give ear, O my people, to my instruction; I will utter the sayings of old,

Which we have heard and known and our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from our children, but show to the generations to come the wonderful works He has done,

For he established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel.

Marvelous things did He in the sight of our fathers; He divided the sea and caused them to pass through.

In the daytime also He led them with cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.

He clave the rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink as out of the great depth.

He made known His being unto Jacob; His righteous law unto the children of Israel.

There shall be no strange god with thee; neither shalt thou worship any idols.

He will not turn back from thee; quicken us that we may cleave to Thee and do Thy will always.

If it had not been the Lord who was with us, now may Israel say:

If it had not been the Lord who was with us when men rose against us,

Then they had destroyed us when the'r wrath was kindled against us ;

Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the streams had gone over our soul.

Our soul is escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowler ; the snare is broken and we are saved.

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with singing.

Then said they among the nations : the Lord hath done great things for them.

Thou, O God, hast proved us, Thou hast tried us as silver is tried.

We went through fire and through water, but Thou broughtest us out into a land of abundance.

CHOIR.

I will go into Thy house with offerings ; I will pay Thee my vows

Which my lips uttered and my mouth hath spoken when I was in trouble.

AMEN.

X.—RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the ungodly.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and therein does he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in its season, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Stand in awe and sin not ; commune with your own heart and cease from evil.

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and trust in the Lord.

There be many that say : Who will show us any good ? Lord, lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart more than when corn and wine increaseth.

I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way; I will walk within my house with an upright heart.

I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes ;
it shall not cleave unto me.

The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom ; a good understanding have all they that do His commandments.

Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness ; He is gracious and full of compassion.

A good man showeth favor and lendeth to the poor ; he will guide his affairs with discretion.

Surely, he shall not be moved forever; the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

He shall not be afraid of evil tidings; his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.

Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty.

Neither do I exercise myself in matters too great or in things too high for me.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding.

CHOIR.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous, for praise is comely for the upright ; for the word of the Lord is right and all His works are done in truth.

HALLELUJAH.

XI.—FORGIVENESS.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving kindness, and blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity and cleanse me from my sins.

For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against Thee, Thee truly, have I sinned and done evil in Thy sight.

Thou art justified when Thou reprovest me and righteous when Thou judgest me.

Behold, Thou desirest truth in my inward parts, O teach me wisdom in my inmost soul.

Create in me a clean heart, O, God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy sanctifying spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation and strengthen me with a willing spirit to obey Thee.

If Thou shouldst strictly mark iniquity, O Lord, who should be able to stand?

But there is forgiveness with Thee that Thou mayest be feared.

Happy the man to whom God imputeth no iniquity, because in his soul there is no guile.

Behold Thou desirest truth in the inward heart, and in the hidden mind ; Thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

The sacrifice of God is an humble spirit, a meek and contrite heart He will not despise.

Keep back Thy servant also from presumptuous sins, let them not have dominion over me.

Who can understand his errors? Cleanse Thou me from secret faults.

Then shall I be upright and I shall be innocent of great transgressions.

CHOIR.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

AMEN.

Prayers.

Reader:

My voice wilt Thou hear in the morning; I will direct my prayer unto Thee and look up to Thee. Satisfy us early with Thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

This I reply to my heart, therefore have I hope, that the mercies of God have not ceased, that His compassion is not ended; they are new every morning His faithfulness is everlasting.

Blessed be the God who daily loadeth us with benefits.

My God, the soul which Thou hast given unto me came pure from Thy hand; Thou hast created, and formed it and breathed it into me. Thou keepest it within me and, at the appointed time, wilt take it from me and preserve it for futurity. While this soul animates my being, I will acknowledge that Thou art the Lord of all beings in whose hand is the soul of all the living and the spirit of all flesh.

May it please Thee, to lead us in the way of Thy law, that our hearts may cleave to Thy commandments. O, suffer us not to fall into the power of sin and transgression, help us to overcome temptation and save us from contempt of thy ordinances. May Thy good spirit within us always prompt us to do

the works of goodness. May not wicked men be our associates, but may we have fellowship with the righteous and the wise who serve Thee in purity of heart. And when we have gone astray and done amiss, may Thy admonitions bring us back to Thee and restore to us the joy of a peaceful conscience. May we live through this day and all the days of our pilgrimage as it behooves those to whom Thou hast revealed the holiness of Thy being and the righteousness of Thy law.

AMEN.

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד.

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One.

קָדוֹשׁ קָדוֹשׁ קָדוֹשׁ יְהוָה זְכָאוֹת מְלֵא
כָּל הָאָרֶץ כְּבוֹדוֹ.

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory.

אֶחָד אֱלֹהֵינוּ הוּא אָבִינוּ הוּא מֶלֶכֵנוּ הוּא
מוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ בְּרַחֲמָיו אֲשֶׁר עַל כָּל חַי וְשֹׁכֵחוֹ
לֹא יִמוּשׁ מִפָּנֵינוּ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Our God is One; He is our father, our King, our helper in His mercy which is over all living beings; His praise shall not depart from our mouth for ever.

And now, O Israel, what doth the Lord Thy God require of Thee but to fear him, to walk in all

His ways, to love Him and to serve Him with all thy heart, soul and with all thy mind.

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Reader.

Merciful Father, we beseech Thee to aid us in our various needs and to establish the righteous works of our hands for us. Be near us in our times of trouble and teach us to resign ourselves to all Thy visitations. Speak comfort to those who are in affliction and sorrow and grant them strength to be patient under their trials. Sustain with Thy power the silent bearers of burdens known to Thee only. May we feel in our own hearts the sufferings of others and may we do all in our power to heal their wounded souls. In our own perplexities may we seek guidance at Thy hand and bravely meet all difficulties that arise in our way. May we be faithful in all things, answer promptly and resolutely every call of duty and be true to every profession of our lips. May we not thoughtlessly cast away the spiritual heritage of our fathers, which they have bequeathed to us as the prize of their long and bitter martyrdom, and exchange the living God for the idols of the hour that cannot profit; and may we labor diligently and wisely for the glory of Thy name and the welfare of our brethren.

AMEN.

(Silent Prayer.)

Before Thee, O my God, lie open the secrets of every heart. Thou understandest my thoughts afar off and art acquainted with all my ways. Thou knowest how grateful I am for the manifold mercies which Thou hast shown to me and to my loved ones. They are more than I can number, greater than I can measure, and better than I can understand. When it seemed good to Thee to try me with sorrows and to take from me what was so unspeakably dear to me, Thou didst not leave me comfortless. Thy power sustained me, and I have learned to trust in Thee and to believe truly that all Thy dispensations are meant for good and not evil. Help me, O Father, to preserve in my home the blessings of peace and of the sweet intercourse of souls united in the bonds of love. Let me always remember that I must not live to myself only, but to Thee and to my fellow-men, especially the poor and the distressed. Hear the prayers of those who worship with me in this house, who pour out their souls to Thee, and grant them the joy that comes to us whenever we commune with Thee. Let Thy light shine upon us and be gracious unto us, Thy children.

AMEN.

Reader.

We render thanks to Thee, O our God, for our lives, which are in Thy hands, and for our souls, that are in Thy keeping; for the wonders of Thy providence which are manifested to us at all times

Guard our tongues from evil and our lips from speaking guile ; may evil counsels not prevail against us and may we be always ready to forgive those who offend against us. May our nation be exalted through righteousness, and peace and quietude reign within our borders.

AMEN.

READING OF SCRIPTURE.

HYMN.

DISCOURSE.

Hymn.

Praise, praise to God on high,
To Thee, all gracious One,
For all the teaching of Thy will,
Thy word through ages gone.
And now we bend and pray,
Be Thou our Father still;
O, give us strength to do Thy work,
And faith to bear Thy will.

Reader.

It is incumbent on us who are of the house of Israel to proclaim to all men that the Eternal One is the Creator of all things, that His hands have stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth. For to this end hath He appointed us and established His covenant with our fathers and with us.

To Him alone we bow the head and bend the knee, the King of Kings, the Holy One, blessed for ever more.

Surely, the time will come when mankind shall be redeemed from false beliefs, from the worship of idols and the darkness of superstition, and the Only God be recognized as the Sole Ruler of the world and Gracious Father of all men. They shall worship Him in truth and uprightness, and turning to Him forsake evil and put their trust in Him alone, as it was said of old: Have we not all One Father, hath not one God created us all? Let a brother not act faithlessly towards his brother and forget the covenant in which the Creator hath bound us together. He alone shall reign forever.

AMEN.

Before we separate to return to our homes, we pause awhile to name in our hearts our beloved dead ; more especially those who, not long ago, have finished their earthly course and were gathered to their fathers. Though vanished from bodily sight they have not ceased to exist, and it is well with

them; they dwell in safety with the Everlasting Spirit. Then, let those who mourn for them be comforted. Let them submit their aching hearts to God and truly believe that He is just and wise and merciful in all His doings, though no man can comprehend his ways. In the divine order of nature, life and death, joy and sorrow, serve equally beneficent ends, and in the fulness of time we shall know why we are tried and why our love brings us tears and woes, as well as highest happiness. Wait patiently, all ye that mourn, and be of good courage; for surely our longing souls shall be satisfied.

Let, then, the mourners rise and hallow the name of God.

The Kaddish.

Extolled and hallowed be the name of the Almighty throughout the world which He has created according to His righteous will. May His kingdom come nearer to us in its redeeming power, and be spread over the earth through the testimony of Israel, His servant.

Congregation.

Amen. May His holy name be praised for ever more.

Reader.

To all the departed may there be peace in the realms of eternal life, and may they, resting from their labors, partake of that bliss which God hath prepared in the future world; may grace and mercy be their portion, and their memory here on earth still be a blessing to those whose love continues beyond the grave. Their good deeds live after them. Their righteous walk still worketh righteousness among men, and love is stronger than death.

May He, who is the Maker and Giver of peace, grant peace to all troubled souls, and comfort all the bereaved.

AMEN.

CLOSING SONG.

BENEDICTION.

Various Prayers.

I.

O, Thou infinite One, who art in heaven and on earth, and near unto every heart, we worship Thee with all our mind and all our soul. We reverence Thee who art the permanent in things that change, the foundation of what lasts ; the wisdom and the justice that hold and bless this world of matter and of men. We remember before Thee our several wants and conditions of life, and we thank Thee for the happiness that crowns our days, for the success that attends our efforts in our various spheres of activity, for the brightness we gather in our homes, and the love wherein our hearts rejoice. But we remember also in our prayer the sorrows that stain our face with weeping, and fill our souls with sadness and distress. We thank Thee that we know Thine eye pities us in our sorrows ; and that Thy chastenings are meant for good and not for evil. Help us to grow stronger and nobler by this world's changes, and to enlarge our spiritual being by the various events of our mortal life. May we see Thy hand in all that comes upon us, and may that faith endow us with the strength of patience and the comfort of hope.—AMEN.

II.

We thank Thee, O Lord, for the nation within whose borders the lines of our lot have been cast ;

we thank Thee for our fathers, men of mighty faith, lifting up valiant hands before thee ; and for the rights which they have left us for our heritage. We bless Thee for every good institution in our midst, for the unbounded opportunities we have to develop our mental and moral faculties, and to enjoy the inestimable blessing of the liberty of our souls. We thank Thee for the great ideas of our nature, and for the revelation and inspiration which Thou makest therein ; for the knowledge of Thyself and Thy infinite perfection, for the duties which Thou hast imposed upon us and the voice that calls us to obedience and submission. May we strive to be useful in all works that tend towards the improvement of our social life, and the lifting up of the lowly, the ignorant and the wayward, and may our daily walk be so ordered that we may make it a perpetual service to Thee, who establishest the works of our hands for us.—AMEN.

III.

We come into Thy presence, O Lord, our God, to commune with Thee, to lift up our souls above worldly cares and worldly interests. We come to seek light from Thy light, wisdom from Thy wisdom, and strength and comfort from our firm trust in Thy love, justice and mercy. When we fail because of our ignorance, teach us, O God, and guide our footsteps aright. When our weakness and infirmities master us and enslave us, strengthen, Thou, O God, our will and our resolutions for the

betterment of our lives. Give us purer hearts, nobler minds and grander characters. Teach us to emulate the great men whom Thou in every age sendest to us as examples of righteousness. Bless our nations with representative men of integrity. Let our country's leaders ever be imbued with the true spirit of loyalty to truth and virtue. May they ever recognize Thy providential hand guiding the destinies of nations.

Bless all men with a true understanding of Thy sacred law of right. Break down the barriers that separate men from one another. Let all fanaticism be eradicated. Let the sceptre of liberty rule over the earth.

O, our Father, we ask Thee to lift the burden from the afflicted soul, dry the tears of the unfortunate, turn sorrow into happiness, weeping into smiling, mourning into rejoicing. Lift the clouds from their sad lives, and let the pure rays of heavenly bliss enter their souls. Let them sing because their cup of joy is filled ; let them sound Thy praises in gladness and cheerfulness. " Bless, O my soul, the Lord."—**AMEN.**

IV.

In Thine all-encompassing love, O God, Thou revealest Thyself to us ; Thy majesty and Thy power are everywhere made manifest. To our ancestors Thou didst give precepts of life ; do Thou also unto us extend Thy mercy by making us receptive of them. All-merciful Father, inspire our

hearts with affection and earnest zeal for truth and knowledge, that we may lovingly cleave to the teachings of Thy law, understand and esteem, learn and teach them. Enlighten Thou our eyes in Thy law, confirm our hearts in Thy precepts, and let us unite with all our fellowmen in the love of Thee and the reverence of Thy name.

Forgive us if we fall into sin, and save us from every ill. Hold sickness and suffering far from us; and if Thou dost send them, grant us patience and humble submission to Thy will. Grant that the idols of vanity and superstition shall disappear from the earth; that the light of truth shall spread to every land and illumine every nation. Be with all those who labor for the good of their fellowmen, and may Thy gracious spirit ever guide and sustain them. Guard our tongues from evil, and our lips from speaking guile. Grant us calmness towards those who wish us evil, and humility towards all men; and may we never hesitate to forgive those who offend against us. May we shun all ways that are not good in Thy sight, and rejoice to do that which is in accordance with Thy will; so that we may indeed sanctify Thy name in the eyes of all men.—AMEN.

For Closing.

Help us with man in peace to live,
Our brother's wrong in love forgive ;
And day and night temptation flee,
Through strength which comes alone from Thee ;
Thus will our spirits find their rest
In Thy deep peace, forever blest.

Lord ! teach us so to mark our days
That we may prize them duly,
To guide our feet in wisdom's ways
That we may love Thee truly.
Return, O Lord, our griefs behold,
And with Thy goodness, as of old,
O satisfy us early.

Eternal God, Almighty Cause
Of earth and seas and worlds unknown,
All things are subject to Thy laws,
All things depend on Thee alone.

O spread Thy truth through ev'ry land,
In ev'ry heart Thy love be known ;
Subdue the world to Thy command,
And as Thou art, reign Lord alone.

Know well, my soul, God's hand controls
 Whate'er thou fearest ;
Round Him in calmest music rolls
 Whate'er thou hearest.

What to thee is shadow, to Him is day,
 And the end He knoweth,
And not on a blind and aimless way
 The spirit goeth.

Leaning on Him, make with reverent meekness,
 His own thy will ;
And with strength from Him thy utter weakness
 Life's task fulfil.

